



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.

### *HMSDC's response to coronavirus (COVID-19)*

On behalf of the Houston Minority Supplier Development Council (HMSDC) and its Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for being an important part of the HMSDC family. The health, safety and wellness of our staff and our extended HMSDC family is our highest priority. We value your involvement in HMSDC and want to assure you that we are committed to providing continuity of service and programs. Effective immediately and until further notice, HMSDC staff will be working remotely and providing virtual program and event experiences.

HMSDC has been closely monitoring the situation surrounding Coronavirus (COVID-19) and has been consulting with other NMSDC regional network affiliates on its potential impact on service delivery across the country. As you know, HMSDC has upgraded its technology and has been using video and teleconferencing for committee meetings for over two years now. We will continue to meet the needs of our Corporate Members and MBEs by remaining open via our virtual office structure, which was previously implemented during another unprecedented event, Hurricane Harvey.

The evolving circumstances around COVID-19 has caused us to change how we deliver programming. We will continue to execute on our strategy to build capacity of our Corporate members and MBE suppliers by expanding the use of our Microsoft technology platform and other technology solutions to provide services as seamlessly as possible. We will continue to 1) convey a holistic service delivery model; 2) deliver value to stakeholders; 3) measure growth and communicate impact; and 4) execute quality programs and events.

We ask for your patience and support as we work through next steps in expanding the utilization of technology to enhance service delivery. We are committed to keeping you informed on what this means for you and how to register and utilize these solutions as they are deployed in the future. The information below will help you stay involved and connected to HMSDC.

We look forward to seeing everyone soon, but until our paths can cross again, we hope that you, your family and friends remain safe and healthy.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ingrid Robinson".

**Ingrid M. Robinson**  
President